

**House File 409 - Introduced**

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BY WHEELER

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act eliminating the state of Iowa youth advisory council.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 216A.140, Code 2021, is amended to read  
2 as follows:

3 **216A.140 Iowa collaboration for youth development council —**  
4 ~~**state of Iowa youth advisory council.**~~

5 1. *Definitions.* For the purposes of **this section**, unless  
6 the context otherwise requires:

7 a. "Youth" means children and young persons who are ages six  
8 through twenty-one years.

9 ~~b. "Youth advisory council" means the state of Iowa youth~~  
10 ~~advisory council created by **this section**.~~

11 ~~e. b.~~ *b.* "Youth development council" means the Iowa  
12 collaboration for youth development council created by this  
13 section.

14 2. *Collaboration council created.* An Iowa collaboration for  
15 youth development council is created as an alliance of state  
16 agencies that address the needs of youth in Iowa.

17 3. *Purpose.* The purpose of the youth development council is  
18 to improve the lives and futures of Iowa's youth by doing all  
19 of the following:

20 a. Adopting and applying positive youth development  
21 principles and practices at the state and local levels.

22 b. Increasing the quality, efficiency, and effectiveness of  
23 opportunities and services and other supports for youth.

24 c. Improving and coordinating state youth policy and  
25 programs across state agencies.

26 4. *Vision statement.* All youth development activities  
27 addressed by the youth development council shall be aligned  
28 around the following vision statement:

29 "All Iowa youth will be safe, healthy, successful, and prepared  
30 for adulthood."

31 5. *Membership.* The youth development council membership  
32 shall be determined by the council itself and shall include the  
33 directors or chief administrators, or their designees, from the  
34 following state agencies and programs:

35 a. Child advocacy board.

1     *b.* Iowa commission on volunteer service in the office of  
2 the governor.

3     *c.* Department of education.

4     *d.* Department of human rights.

5     *e.* Department of human services.

6     *f.* Department of public health.

7     *g.* Department of workforce development.

8     *h.* Governor's office of drug control policy.

9     *i.* Iowa cooperative extension service in agriculture and  
10 home economics.

11    *j.* Early childhood Iowa office in the department of  
12 management.

13    6. *Procedure.* Except as otherwise provided by law, the  
14 youth development council shall determine its own rules of  
15 procedure and operating policies, including but not limited  
16 to terms of members. The youth development council may form  
17 committees or subgroups as necessary to achieve its purpose.

18    7. *Duties.* The youth development council's duties shall  
19 include but are not limited to all of the following:

20    *a.* Study, explore, and plan for the best approach to  
21 structure and formalize the functions and activities of the  
22 youth development council to meet its purpose, and make formal  
23 recommendations for improvement to the governor and general  
24 assembly.

25    *b.* Review indicator data and identify barriers to youth  
26 success and develop strategies to address the barriers.

27    *c.* Coordinate across agencies the state policy priorities  
28 for youth.

29    *d.* Strengthen partnerships with the nonprofit and private  
30 sectors to gather input, build consensus, and maximize use of  
31 existing resources and leverage new resources to improve the  
32 lives of youth and their families.

33    ~~*e.* Oversee the activities of the youth advisory council.~~

34    ~~*f.* Seek input from and engage the youth advisory council~~  
35 ~~in the development of more effective policies, practices, and~~

1 ~~programs to improve the lives and futures of youth.~~

2 ~~g. e.~~ Report annually by February 1 to the governor and  
3 general assembly.

4 ~~8. State of Iowa youth advisory council.~~ A state of Iowa  
5 youth advisory council is created to provide input to the  
6 governor, general assembly, and state and local policymakers on  
7 youth issues.

8 ~~a.~~ The purpose of the youth advisory council is to foster  
9 communication among a group of engaged youth and the governor,  
10 general assembly, and state and local policymakers regarding  
11 programs, policies, and practices affecting youth and families;  
12 and to advocate for youth on important issues affecting youth.

13 ~~b.~~ The youth advisory council shall consist of no more  
14 than twenty-one youth ages fourteen through twenty years who  
15 reside in Iowa. Membership shall be for two-year staggered  
16 terms. The department director, or the director's designee,  
17 shall select council members using an application process. The  
18 department director or the director's designee shall strive  
19 to maintain a diverse council membership and shall take into  
20 consideration race, ethnicity, disabilities, gender, and  
21 geographic location of residence of the applicants.

22 ~~c.~~ Except as otherwise provided by law, the youth advisory  
23 council shall determine its own rules of procedure and  
24 operating policies, subject to approval by the department  
25 director or the director's designee.

26 ~~d.~~ The youth advisory council shall meet at least quarterly.

27 ~~9. 8.~~ *Lead agency.* The lead agency for support of the Iowa  
28 collaboration for youth development council and the state of  
29 Iowa youth advisory council is the department. The department  
30 shall coordinate activities and, with funding made available  
31 to it for such purposes, provide staff support for the youth  
32 development council and the youth advisory council.

33 EXPLANATION

34 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
35 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

1     This bill eliminates the state of Iowa youth advisory  
2 council established in Code section 216A.140. The bill retains  
3 another council established in the Code section, the Iowa  
4 collaboration for youth development council.